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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Kornelia Polyak, *et al.*) Examiner: TBA
Serial No. TBA) Group Art Unit: TBA
Filed: January 24, 2002) Atty. Dkt. No. 001107.00224

For: **SUBTLE MITOCHONDRIAL MUTATIONS AS TUMOR MARKERS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination on the merits. It is believed that no fee is required to enter this amendment. If any fees are required for entry and consideration of this amendment, please charge our deposit account no. 19-0733.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following as the first paragraph of the specification, immediately after the title.

This application claims the priority of provisional U.S. Application Ser. No. 60/097,307, filed August 20, 1998, and is a continuation of U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/377,856, filed August 20, 1999.